

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning with “After the period of suspension passes” at page 6, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After the period of suspension passes, motor 14 is started to restart ejection of magnetic card 6 (ST14). Thereafter, photo sensor 18, located on the side closer to card slot 5 than photo sensor 17, detects the back end of magnetic card 6 (ST15); then, motor 14 is stopped (ST16). This completes the motorized ejection of the card.

Please replace the paragraph beginning with “According to magnetic card reader 1”, at page 6, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to magnetic card reader 1 of this embodiment, transferring of the card is suspended only once during taking in and once during ejection of the card. However, one may modify it such that suspension of transferring the card can be repeated twice or more. In other words, one can repeat ST3, ST4 or ST13, ST14 of Figure 2 (a).

Please replace the paragraph beginning with “In a first configuration” at page 9, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a first configuration, a configuration at the outside of card slot opening 4 of front panel 3 is altered such that magnetic head 20 cannot be mounted thereat. In this case, as shown in Figure 6 Figures 6 (a) and 6 (b), a part of slot frame 60, which defines card slot 5 of magnetic card reader 1, is projected from opening 4 of front panel 3. Projection 61 faces a magnetic strip of inserted magnetic card 6; hence, it is preferable to form projection 61 on both top and bottom thereat in the case of handling a magnetic card having magnetic strips on both sides.